

## **Visit by the new Consul-General of Japan**

I welcomed the new Consul-General of Japan, Mr Tatsuo Ishikawa to Perth who took up his post in April.

Mr Ishikawa wanted to make a brief introductory meeting with myself, as the Japanese Consulate in Perth shares a close relationship with the Legislative Council.

Mr Ishikawa was accompanied by the Deputy of Mission, Mr Kazuhiko Anzai.

During our meeting, Mr Ishikawa shared his career highlights with me. In 1969, the Consul-General joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan. By 1995, he was appointed the First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in India, and then later in 1998 was the First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in Singapore. By 2007, he was Counsellor and Chief of the Consular Office at the Embassy of Japan in Thailand.

We also discussed the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan. I expressed my heartfelt condolences to the people of Japan.

I look forward to future meetings with Mr Ishikawa.



Picture: (from left) Deputy of Mission, Mr Kazuhiko, and the President, Hon Barry House, and the new Consul-General of Japan, Mr Tatsuo Ishikawa.